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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7751**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 401

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 7, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 4, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Meeks R

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Reske

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill revises the types of investments in which money in the Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund may be placed. The bill repeals and reenacts two sections in order to resolve conflicts in 2002 legislation concerning collection of the Wireless Emergency Enhanced 911 Fee. The bill makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill modifies the types of investments in which the Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board may invest money in the Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund. The impact on the Fund's balance and distributions is unknown.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board, chaired by the State Treasurer, is responsible for providing oversight of the program. A monthly fee, currently \$0.65, is charged to cell phone users in order to ensure that wireless carriers and local governments recover the costs associated with the provision of the service. Indiana Code states that the fee cannot exceed \$1.00 per month. The revenue is distributed to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in each county according to a population formula, as adjusted by the Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board. Before funds are distributed to the counties, the State Treasurer makes certain deductions for: 1) future implementation of the program; 2) the recovery of costs by wireless service providers; and 3) the program's administrative costs.

*Background Information:* The Enhanced Wireless Emergency 911 program (IC 36-8-16.5) was established in 1998 in response to an FCC order mandating the provision of wireless 911 service by wireless carriers. The aim of the program is to route a wireless 911 call to the appropriate emergency dispatch. The program

is to be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 of the program provides emergency personnel a call back number and cell tower location. The second phase of the program will employ technology to identify a 911 caller's location within 50 to 300 meters. There are nine wireless service providers in the state that currently provide Phase 1 wireless 911 service to cell phone users in 90 of the state's 92 counties. It is estimated that this service is now available to 90% of Indiana's wireless phone users. Phase II service is provided by one service provider in Lake county

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** If interest earnings increase as a result of this bill, county distributions from the Fund could increase.

*Background Information:* In FY 2001, the Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board distributed approximately \$5.9 M to the state's counties.

**State Agencies Affected:** Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board, the State Treasurer.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County PSAPs.

**Information Sources:** [www.911coverage.org](http://www.911coverage.org)

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